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Applicants respectfully note that the Supplemental Notice of Allowability issued on August 5, 2009 was accompanied with Examiner comments regarding the Examiner's Amendment entered concurrent with issuance of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability. The Examiner's comments allege that Applicants agreed to amend claims 37 and 39 to avoid 101 issues. Applicants respectfully disagree with this statement. Instead, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 37 and 39 were amended to correspond to claim 13 in order to expedite allowance of the present application. As such, Applicants make no admission that claims 37 and 39 were non-statutory prior to the amendment.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully note that the cancelation of claims 1, 14, 17, 21, 26 and 50, and their dependent claims, was performed without prejudice and in order to expedite allowance of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims, and the subject matter of claims 37 and 39 as it was expressed prior to the amendments that resulted in allowance thereof, in any continuing applications that may be filed in the future claiming priority from the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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